

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Handkerchief Tree
Davidia involucrata

The sharply toothed leaves are heart-shaped, up to 6 inches long and 4 inches across, with a slender pointed tip. They are bright green above and densely hairy beneath. The bark is orange-brown, peeling vertically in small flakes. The flowers are rather inconspicuous rounded heads of purplish anthers, about 3/4 inches across. The tree's most striking feature is large white bracts which surround the flower clusters, and look similar to "handkerchiefs" hanging from the limbs. The Handkerchief Tree can grow to be 65 feet tall with a broadly conical form. It is native to moist mountain woods of China, and reportedly does well in the Pacific Northwest.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes. Published by DK Publishing.

"Today I grow taller from walking with the trees."

- Karle Wilson Baker



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Dear *TreeLink* reader:

By the time you receive this edition of the *TreeLink Bulletin* I will have already begun my new position as urban forester with the City of Bellevue. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people I have had the pleasure of working with over the last several years. When I began in the urban forestry program, many of you spent time with me and helped me to understand the diverse people and landscape that make up Washington State. Throughout my tenure as urban forestry coordinator, I traveled to many cities and towns and worked with too many incredible people to name. And now, as I prepare to move on in my urban forestry career, I reflect on the progress we have made together. A few of the things we tried met with resistance. A smaller number of things did not work at all, but on the whole, urban forestry is further ahead in Washington than it has ever been. Future generations who will enjoy the urban forests' multitude of benefits have you to thank. And so do I, Thank You!

Yours treely,
Kevin LeClair

2002 Community Forestry Grant Applications Available

The Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program is pleased to announce the availability of the 2002 Community Forestry Assistance Grant Applications. There are a few changes to the application process. There is a longer application period (from September 2001 to March 14, 2002), and the applications will not be mailed out unless requested. If you would like to receive a copy of the 2002 Community Forestry Grant Application, please contact the U&CF Program by one of the following methods: email us at urban_forestry@wadnr.gov to receive the application as a Word document; call us at 1-800-523-8733 to receive a hard copy, or download a PDF file from our website at www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/urban.htm. The Community Forestry Assistance Grant program is made possible with funds from the USDA Forest Service.

Yakima Community Forestry Field Day

The Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Yakima Area Arboretum are holding a Community Forestry Field Day on October 13, 2001. This event is free to the public and will be held at the Yakima Area Arboretum. You are invited to come visit the Arboretum and learn how to properly plant and care for trees in your yard and your community. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the event will finish by 3 p.m. For more information or to register for the event, please call Sarah Foster Griffith at 1-800-523-TREE.

Grant Writing Workshops

The Urban and Community Forestry Program will be hosting four regional grant writing workshops. The first will be held October 9, 2001, in Spokane, the second on October 17, in Yakima. The third workshop will be October 23, in Mount Vernon, and the final workshop will be October 24, in Puyallup. These half-day workshops will cover topics such as deciding on a project to apply for, describing projects in a compelling manner, working out budgets, and administering money once the grant is awarded. For more details and **to register**, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. Space is limited, register early.

Trees, People and the Law

The National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) is holding a seminar on Trees, People, and the Law in Beaverton, Oregon, on October 16, 2001. This comprehensive, full-day seminar featuring Victor Merullo, attorney and author of "Arboriculture and the Law", opens with an introduction to basic legal concepts, followed by an examination of the important issues regarding trees and the law. Topics will include: history of law, law of trees, negligence and nuisance trees, current legal trends, ordinances, utility issues, and more. Registration is \$125 per person and includes all seminar materials, a networking lunch and refreshment breaks. Register by phone at 1-888-448-7337, by mail or online at www.arborday.org. For more information contact National Arbor Day Conference Services at (402) 474-5655, or e-mail the NADF at conferences@arborday.org.

Utility Vegetation Management Conference

This event, formerly focused just on Oregon, goes region-wide this year with a broad array of speakers. Utility Foresters, contractors, utility vegetation management specialists, general managers, and others are invited to come discuss the changing face of utility arboriculture. Speakers include Brian Fisher, Derek Vannice, and many others. Topics include worker safety, vegetation management strategies, state regulation practices, community relations, and more. Vendor information tables are available. For more information and to obtain a complete conference registration form, contact the PNW-ISA at 503/874-8263 or e-mail your mailing address to info@pnwisa.org.

2002 Poster Contest Materials Available

Materials are available for the 2002 Arbor Day Poster Contest sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the Washington Arbor Day Council, and the Washington Department of Natural Resources. It is our hope that participation will raise awareness and encourage classrooms across Washington to celebrate Arbor Day. This year's theme, "Trees are Terrific...inside and out!", was designed to increase knowledge about how trees grow and function. If you are a fifth grade teacher, or a parent of a fifth grader, and would like to receive the materials and poster contest guidelines, please call 1-800-523-TREE.

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The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

Picks and Shovels

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TRIVIA: True or False. About 85% of a trees roots are in the top 18 inches of soil.

(answer is upside down below)

(True)

Panel Discussion on Community Restoration Projects

On Thursday, November 8, 2001 the Sustainable Community Landscapes consortium will be hosting a panel discussion. A panel of community members will discuss how restoration plans can be more responsive to neighbors' needs and how to incorporate neighbors' desires into restoration design and implementation. For more information or to register to attend the panel, visit our website at <http://depts.washington.edu/mulch/events.htm> or contact Angie Cahill at acahill@u.washington.edu or 206-543-6828.

Stream and Wetland Ecology Basic Training

The Adopt-a-Stream Foundation is holding a workshop for real estate agents, streamside property owners, and others interested in understanding stream and wetland ecology on Thursday, October 18. The workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Adopt-a-Stream Foundation headquarters in Everett. Admission will be \$75. This course can be taken for real estate license clock hours or teacher clock hours through WSTA. The course fee includes two textbooks, *Adopting a Stream: A Northwest Handbook* and *Adopting a Wetland: A Northwest Guide*, and morning refreshments. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring a sack lunch. For more information or registration materials, please contact Sue Minger at (425) 316-8592.

TREEORD Software for Tree Ordinance Development. The Tree Trust, a non-profit group in Minnesota, has developed TREEORD Software to help cities develop ordinances. TREEORD contains a database of over 1,800 clauses from more than 200 ordinances from throughout the United States. The software is designed to be easy to use, but covers many of the difficult issues related to setting up a Tree Board, planning and zoning conflicts, inventorying trees, responsibilities for tree maintenance, and more. The U&CF Program has one copy if you would like to preview it. Copies may be purchased from the Tree Trust for \$60. More information is available at www.treetrust.org. For order forms, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Dogwoods for American Gardens. The University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service has created a publication on dogwoods, developed with a grant from the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council and the USDA Forest Service. Copies are available for loan from the Urban and Community Forestry Program. Additional copies are available from the University of Tennessee. The publication will soon be available on their website at www.utextension.utk.edu/publication/forestry.html.

Fire-Resistant Plants for Oregon Home Landscapes. The Oregon State University Extension Service has published this four page guide on making home landscapes fire safe. It was written by Steven Fitzgerald and Amy Joe Waldo, and is available via email. The guide includes an extensive species list to help homeowners plant landscapes that will resist fire. To receive a copy of this publication, please call the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-TREE or send an email request to urban_forestry@wadnr.gov.

On the Horizon

October	November
9 Grant Writing Workshop, Spokane. Call the TreeLink Hotline.	6-7 Pacific Northwest Utility Vegetation Management Conference, Vancouver, WA. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.
10 WCFC Meeting, Deer Park. Call 1-800-523-TREE for information.	10 ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Wilsonville, OR. Advanced registration required. Call PNW-ISA for details.
13 Community Forestry Field Day, Yakima Area Arboretum. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.	13 Tree Diagnostic Tools and Techniques, Portland, OR. Contact PNW-ISA for more information. (503) 874-8263.
16 Trees, People, and the Law Regional Conference, Beaverton, Oregon. Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation Conference Services at 1-888-448-7337.	December
23 Grant Writing Workshop, Mount Vernon.	12 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting, Vancouver, WA. Call U&CF Program for details at (360) 902-1704.
24 Grant Writing Workshop, Puyallup.	31 Tree City USA Applications due to Urban Forestry Program. Call 1-800-523-TREE for more information and application.



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